GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3810
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TASK FORCE FOR SANITATION
BHUPENDRASINH PRABHATSINH SOLANKI

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to constitute a three tier task force for sanitation in Railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to constitute a three tier task force on cleanliness on Indian Railways. However, multi-disciplinary Service Improvement Groups)SIGs) are functioning at the three tier levels vis. Station, division and zonal railway levels to monitor the upkeep and maintenance of various passenger amenities including cleanliness. Cleanliness being a continuous process, all endeavors are made by the railways to improve the standard of cleanliness in railway premises and on trains. The various steps taken include strengthening of monitoring and supervision system besides introduction of `Pay & Use` scheme of toilets, emphasis on mechanised cleaning processes, provision of washable aprons & additional dustbins, regular removal of garbage, spraying of insecticides, repairs to drains, monthly intensive cleaning of coaches, deployment of travelling safaiwalas on selected trains and education of public through various media. A fillip has been given by launching special drives involving senior officers.